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SUBJ: TENNECO SEVEN

REF: ATHENS 3354

FOR FREEMAN FROM BURGHER

BURGHER AND GRAHAM HELD SECOND MEETING WITH ZEIN AT 1800 HOURS AFTER POSTPONEMENT FROM 1600 AND BEFORE RECEIVING ANY RESPONSE TO MESSAGE KHARTOUM 1245. AT THIS MEETING WE REPORTED TO ZEIN THAT WE HAD REQUESTED IEG TO RECONFIRM ITS WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND TO ABSTAIN FROM RETALIATORY ACTIONS. WE ALSO TOLD HIM THAT THE MAX AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH COULD BE PUT UP BY FREEMAN AS AN INDIVIDUAL FROM HIS OWN POCKET WAS ONE MILLION ETHIOPIAN DOLLARS. ZEIN SAID HE HAD AUTHORITY TO COME DOWN FROM HIS PREVIOUS DEMAND BY 25 PERCENT, I.E., DOWN TO DOLLARS U.S. ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION. BURGHER SAID WE COULD NOT CONSIDER. ZEIN SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO HIS BASE AND REPORT NO AGMT REACHED. BURGHER AND GRAHAM WERE PREPARED TO LET HIM GO WHEN ZEIN OFFERED TO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT HIS BASE FROM HERE AND REPORT BACK TO US NOON 4 JUNE. WE BELIEVE HE IS HORSE TRADING NOW. PLEASE SEND IEG POSITION ON POL PRISONERS AND RETALIATION SOONEST POSSIBLE. WE HAVE USED ARGUMENT PUT FORTH IN PARA 2 OF WYMANS 6209 MESSAGE TO
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NO AVAIL.

RE ATHENS 3354 BURGHER WILL DISCUSS FREEMAN SAFETY
ARRANGEMENT POSSIBILITIES WITH AMBASSADOR BREWER WITHIN NEXT HOUR.
RE SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT AT KHARTOUM AIRPORT CHECKING SPECIFICS ON
THAT ALSO. BURGHER REQUESTS FREEMAN ET AL HOLD ATHENS UNTIL RESULTS
OF NOON 4 JUNE MEETING WITH ZEIN REPORTED TO ATHENS.

ZEIN STATED TENNECO FIRST FIVE WERE MOVED TO THEIR PRESENT
LOCATION IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE MORE DIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY
ELF/GC. BURGHER AND GRAHAM.
BREWER

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